AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government has taken the following steps for the prevention, abatement and control of pollution:

(i) Effluent and emission standards have been prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986;

(ii) Network of ambient air quality and ambient water quality monitoring stations have been set up;

(iii) Environmental guidelines have been evolved for siting and operation of industries;

(iv) Industries have been asked to comply with consent requirements of the State Pollution Control Boards to keep the discharge of effluents and emissions within the stipulated limits;

(v) A time bound action plan for control of highly polluting 17 categories of industries has been prepared in consultation with the State Governments and a Notification has been issued under which polluting units are required to meet the standards by December 31, 1991.

Denial of Affiliation of Secondary School School by Central Board of Secondary Education

1272. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news-item captioned "Fate of 40,000 students hangs in balance" as reported in the Indian Express dated 7th July, 1991;

(b) if so, whether due to decision of the Central Board of Secondary Education not to affiliate the students of public schools, the fate of students hang in dark;

(c) what will be the impact of such move on future of children's education;

(d) what are the reasons for not granting affiliation to schools; and

(e) what is the further action of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The students are free to seek admission to other schools so that their education is not affected.

(d The schools do not fulfil the conditions for grant of affiliation laid down in the Bye-laws of the Central Board of Secondary Education.

(e) The Central Board of Secondary Education will grant affiliation as and when the conditions are fulfilled.

Revamping of Banking System in India

1273. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Banking System throughout the country would be revamped as reported in the "Indian Express" of the 6th July 1991;

(b) if so, what changes Government propose to make in the Act to make it more effective;

(c) what are the lapses found by Government in the existing banking system; and

(d) by when the said revamping would be done?